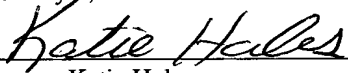


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AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 09 December 2004, and to which a response is due on 09 March 2005. Please amend the Application as follows:

Amendment to Claims, starting on pg. 2;
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Conclusion, on pg. 6.